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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TITO STATE VISIT TO IRAQ

1. USUALLY RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCE REPORTS LEARNING THAT IRAQI GOVERNMENT EXPECTS STATE VISIT BY YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO IN NEAR FUTURE. SOURCE THEN PUT QUESTION TO YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR WHO CONFIRMED THAT TITO ACCEPTED IRAQI INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE. AUTUMN SEEMS TO BE TIME FRAME UNDER DISCUSSION. ONE FACTOR WHICH CAUSED TITO TO HESITATE WAS FACT THAT AILING IRQI PRESIDENT BAKR HAS NEVER RETURNED EARLIER STATE VISIT OF TITO.

2. COMMENT: YUGOSLAVIA ENJOYS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH IRAQ. VIEWED FROM BAGHDAD, YUGOSLAVIA IS A DESIRABLE POLITICAL ALLY AND COMMERCIAL PARTNER FOR A COUNTRY WHICH SUSPECTS POLITICAL MOTIVES OF SOVIET BLOC, WHILE WISHING FOR IDEOLOGICAL REASONS TO IDENTIFY WITH SOCIALIST ECONOMIES. IRAQIS CONTINUE TO SEEK DEVELOPMENT EXPERTISE COUPLED WITH ACCESS TO WESTERN TECHNOLOGY WHICH YUGOSLAV FIRMS CAN OBTAIN. A STATE VISIT BY TITO WOULD BE IRAQI CONFIDENTIAL

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WAY OF SHOWING CRITICS THAT IT CAN COMMAND THE ATTENTION OF MAJOR WORLD FIGURE WITHOUT SACRIFICING IDEOLOGICAL PURITY.

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